Rise in price of Petrol in different Regions

1260. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 96 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state the extent of increase in petrol prices indicating the original prices and the revised prices in different regions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): The ex-storage point price of petrol (MS 87) before and effective 9-1-88 are Rs. 6694.07 and Rs. 769.07 per KL respectively. This is the same at all the main installations. The retail selling price of petrol (MS 87) in the four metropolitan cities before and after the price increase and inclusive of transportation, local levies etc. are as follows:

Rs / Litre

	Bombay	Delhi	Madras	Calcutta
Before 9.1.88	7.99	7.43	7.84	7.60
Effective 9.1.88	9.14	8.50	8 98	8.70

Oil potential in North Eastern region

1261. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that north-eastern region of our country has a large potential for oil as per the estimates of experts of the Oil India Limited;

(b) if so, which States in North-eastern region have a large potential of oil and gas; and

(c) whether Government have finalised the plan for tapping oil in the north-eastern region and if so, by when it will be executed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The north-eastern region of the cauntry is considered prospective for discovery of hydrocarbons.

(b) Based on the present available geological information, Assam, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya are considered to have a good potential of oil and gas.

(c) Crude oil is already being produced from the north-eastern region and the production during 1986-87 was about 5.3 million tonnes.

Licensed area allotted for Hydrocarbon exploration

1262. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the licensed area in square

kilometers for hydrocarbon exploration given to Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Oil India Limited and any foreign oil company in India in each offshore and onshore basin;

(b) the square kilometer increases in licensed area proposed for exploration by each company in 1988, 1989 and 1990;

(c) the increase in area by way of licensing to any new exploration company this year;

(d) the details of geological, seismic survey, data interpretation and other pre-drilling exploration work being carried out currently and proposed to be carried out till the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan by exploration companies indicating the likely completion date in each offshore and onshore basin;

(e) the name of wells currently in exploration drilling and that of contractors engaged by exploration companies for drilling; and

(f) the target date for completion of each well being drilled currently?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Increase in licensed area for exploration in future will depend upon the applications filed with the Government by the exploration companies.

Setting up Oil Refinery in Tanjore district

1263. SHRI N. RAJANGAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up an Oil Refinery in South Arcot | Tanjore district in Tamilnadu to avoid transportation charges and delay in processing the crude oil being obtained at Narimanam in Tanjore district and at Bhuvanagiri in South Arcot district; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to set up oil refinery and what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Industrial Valves

1264. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate quantity and value of industrial valves purchased by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission from abroad and the various sources in India during the year 1986-87; and

(b) the names of the overseas and Indian suppliers of industrial valves on the approved list of suppliers of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) During 1986-87 ONGC purchased 6833 industrial valves at a enclosed statement.

(b) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.